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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 10-18, 20 & 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers et al. (US 5,733,577), Dunn et al. (US 4,308,251) and Carli et al. (US 5,725,824).

Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of objection.

The Examiner believes that Carli et al. and Dunn et al. "*provide the theory to the coating of granulated ibuprofen with cellulose derivatives and silica products*".

Applicants respectfully disagree.

First of all, the Applicants' interpretation of Dunn et al. regarding the presence of a surface coating layer is divergent from that of the Examiner. A critical review of the manufacturing process of Dunn et al. clearly reveals that the tablets are prepared by a wet granulation method that is followed by direct compression to produce matrix-types tablets (column 3-4 lines 66-6, column 5 lines 55-67). Such matrix-types tablets are characterized by the fact



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